with foreign collaboration compared to the earlier agreements;

(e) whether foreign collaborators with necessary capital resources and technical know-how have been short-listed; and

(f) if so, the names thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (c) At present one block comprising 1620 sq. Kms. in the Krishna-Godavari Offshore area is being explored under a Production Sharing Contract by M/s. International Petroleum Limited and M/s. Hardy Oil and Gas (U.K.) Ltd. Exploration is also being carried out with Soviet assistance under turn-key contracts in Cauvery and West Bengal basins.

(b) and (d) About 72 blocks (both Offshore and Onshore) have been identified for exploration in the proposed Fourth Round of bidding. The Notice Inviting Tenders, which will contain the broad terms and conditions, is yet to be issued.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

New site for Santa Cruz Airport

3505. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the life span of Santa Cruz Airport of Bombay is only upto 2000 A.D.;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to find out the alternative airport;

(c) whether the Government have identified the new site for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There will be a need to build another airport at Bombay early in the next century. Preliminary work in this regard has been started in order to evolve a suitable long-term plan for the additional airport.

(c) and (d) Details in this regard are yet to be finalised.

[Translation]

Linking of districts of Bihar with Capital

3506. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts of Bihar which have not been linked with air services with its Capital so far;

(b) whether it is proposed to link each district with the Capital by air-services during 1991-92;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Ranchi is the only station airlinked by Indian Airlines in Bihar with its Capital.

(b) to (d) Places are airlinked not on the basis of their being District Headquarters but on the basis of the economic viability of providing air services to them. It is not a feasible proposition to provide air links to all the District Headquarters in the country.

[English]

Overbridge at level crossing at Kishanganj / Dalkoha

3507. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to construct an overbridge at National Highway level crossing at Kishanganj/ Dalkoha on Katihar section (Bihar);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir; the State Government/National Highway Authority have initiated proposals for both the works.

(b) The proposal is for construction of a road overbridge in replacement of the existing level crossing No. SK/317 near Kishanganj Station on cost sharing basis jointly with the Railway and for construction of a road overbridge near Dalkoha Station on deposit terms. The works will be taken up for execution only after concrete schemes therefor are finalised and sponsored by the State Government/National Highway Authority duly consenting to share/bear the cost as per rules.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Air services in Madhya Pradesh

3508. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places in Madhya Pradesh where air services have been provided;

(b) the names of places where air services are proposed to be extended during the current year;

(c) whether there is a proposal to develop Indore airport so as to provide landing facility to Boeing services;

(d) if so, the details thereof and when this proposal is likely to be approved;

(e) whether there is a proposal to link Indore-Bhopal-Jabalpur and Nagpur-Calcutta-Ahmedabad-Madras and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the Union Government propose to introduce helicopter services from Indore to Pritampur?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Raipur, Bhopal, Indore, Khajuraho and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh are linked by air. There is no proposal to airlink any other place in the state in the Current year.

(c) Boeing services already operate to Indore.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir. While Indore and Ahmedabad have been airlinked recently, the traffic potential does not justify introduction of services on the other routes at the present moment. Jabalpur airport is at present not suitable for Boeing 737 operations.

(f) No, Sir.

[English]

Rail Accidents between Bhusawal and Badnera

3509. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred during April 1990 to April 1991 between Bhusawal and Badnera on Bombay-Calcutta section; and

(b) the causes of the accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There were 5 train accidents between Bhusawal and Badnera stations during April 1990 to April 1991.

(b) The accidents occurred due to failure of railway staff.

Supply of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene to Haryana

3510. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of petrol, diesel and kerosene in Haryana

(b) if so, the details of quantity of these items supplied to Haryana during the last two months; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to meet this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Bodhghat Thermal Power Project

3511. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bodhghat thermal power project in Bastar district, Madhya Pradesh is lying pending for several years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and